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Written Testimony

Councilmember Kobayashi and members of the Budget Committee; I am writing today in strong support for Bill 24, relating to carsharing. Carsharing has the ability to make a huge impact on Honolulu's dependence on personally owned motor vehicles. With this bill, Honolulu residents will have the freedom of driving when walking, bicycling and/or public transit can't take them to their final destination, without the hassle and expense of owning a car. In cities that have encouraged successful carshare Written programs, each carshare vehicle has successfully taken at least 5-10 personally-owned Testimony cars off the road. Carsharing supports greater usage of bus transit, and should support usage of forthcoming and proposed transit such as HART, Bikeshare and BRT Bus Rapid Transit. It

makes it easier for people to give up their car, knowing they can carshare when needed. Moreover, vehicles used in carshare programs are, on average, significantly more fuel efficient than the personally-owned vehicles they replace. It has been proven that carshare programs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Less cars on Honolulu roadways equals less traffic, less dependence on oil, and cleaner air to breathe to boot. I urge the committees to support Bill 24. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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